

Will They Talk?  
Torture, the Old Way.  
Better Silk Than None.  
What California Says.

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The important question involved in detecting criminals responsible for the Wall Street disaster is the ability of those criminals to refrain from talking. The criminal able to do that is rare.

In days not ancient, before the French revolution, which added torture of witnesses, the first step following crime was to gather suspected persons and put them to the torture. Witnesses supposed to have information had their feet squeezed in "the boot," their muscles and nerves stretched and torn on the rack, hot irons applied to the soles of their feet.

Torture was applied not only to those suspected of crime, but to men and women known to be innocent in the "hope" that they might yield information worth while. If a nobleman was suspected of crime, the first step of justice was to torture his servants to make them tell all they knew. Torturing days have gone by, and modern justice will have to rely on the talkativeness of criminals and the intelligence of detectives.

"Even the peasants of France are wearing silk stockings," says Blasco Ibañez, worried by the "orgy of spending in Europe." To one who knows French peasants the statement seems exaggerated. Of all sensible, saving creatures, French peasants stand at the head. Bolshevism has confiscated six billions of their savings. That's one cause of trouble in Europe.

However, if the peasants are wearing silk stockings, that is better for France than the old days when peasants had no stockings and no shoes, slept on roads or dry leaves on the bare dirt floor, were forbidden to kill animals destroying crops, and were sometimes compelled to stay up all night beating stagnant ponds with poles to keep croaking frogs from disturbing their masters' sleep in the castle.

Whether French peasants wear silk stockings or the old-fashioned *bas de laine*, the French government keeps its head. It has put a price limit of \$32 a ton on coal from America. A shameful price, explained partly, let us hope, by the rate of exchange. The French recognize what this country will have to recognize eventually, that the only way to deal with profiteering is through price-fixing in necessities of life.

Profiteers will tell you that price-fixing is "socialism." It may be, but unlimited profiteering means in the end something worse than socialism.

There are sub-cellars below socialism.

The explosion in Wall Street explains why European governments released political prisoners as soon as war was over. Europe has learned by experience that moderation is best in dealing with unreasonable violence. To keep locked in jail men that have hundreds of desperate and reckless friends outside is considered not wise in Europe, especially when the prisoners' crime consists of talk or opinion.

It is possible that the recent Wall Street calamity, with dozens of innocent men and women killed and wounded, might have been avoided by acting with political prisoners as was done by England, France and other civilized countries when war ended.

In 1914, when the war was starting, an officer of the German imperial guard wrote a prophecy as to how it would end. His prophecy, which may or may not have been written in 1914, outlined everything exactly as it has happened, and predicted for a later day "a tremendous struggle between Russia and America."

There need not be any "tremendous struggle" if the United States through its Administration will attend to its own American business and allow Russia and other countries to attend to their business.

Every man, and every woman especially, should read the positive statement made by Mr. Hughes, lately judge of the Supreme Court, and one of the best informed men of the country in regard to law and the meaning of contracts.

Mr. Hughes says that Article X in the League of Nations, the particular article that Mr. Wilson calls "the heart of the League," and that Mr. Cox has sworn, vowed, promised, and declared that he would enforce, is worded in such a way as to force this country into war on Europe's order.

Article X, according to Mr. Hughes, and everybody else that understands plain English, would compel the "United States, once in the League, to preserve the territorial integrity and political independence of any member of the League"—that is to say, of all the other nations in the League, and the method by which this agreement by the United States would be carried out is to be decided by the council of the League, a foreign council with headquarters in Europe, a council in which the United States would have only one vote and would of course be outvoted in the interests of Europe, which believes that this country didn't do its duty in the late war.

The way to kill the League of Nations, including Article X, is to vote against Mr. Cox, who has promised that he would not only fight for the League with his Article X, but would also live up to

WEATHER:

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"WASHINGTON NEXT" BOMB WARNING SAYS

TROOPS FIRED ON IN DUBLIN

Sinn Feiners Attack Lorry Loaded With British Troops.

TWO KILLED IN FIGHTING

Mayor McSwiney Seemingly Brighter on 39th Day of Hunger Strike.

DUBLIN, Sept. 20.—A violent street battle ensued here today when Sinn Feiners attacked a lorry filled with soldiers. Two of the latter are in a critical condition as a result of injuries received during the fight. One of the assailants of the lorry was captured.

HUNGER STRIKERS FEELER.

CORK, Sept. 20.—All of the eleven Sinn Fein hunger strikers in the Cork jail were in critical condition today. This was the forty-second day of their self-imposed starvation.

Another appeal has been made to the American authorities on behalf of Joseph Kenny, one of the prisoners, who appears to be on the verge of mental collapse. It is claimed that Kenny is an American citizen, having been naturalized in Montana. Kenny is said to have been married in the United States. He was arrested on the charge of having a rifle and ammunition in his possession. Kenny denied having any munitions in his house.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Although in the extremity of weakness, Terence McSwiney, the hunger-striking lord mayor of Cork, seemed brighter mentally today.

McSwiney, who is now in the thirty-ninth day of his self-imposed starvation, sent a message of good cheer to the eleven Sinn Fein hunger strikers in the Cork jail. McSwiney spoke to those about him in the Brixton jail infirmary. He attributed his wonderful grasp on his faculties to the consolation he received from his religion.

ONE KILLED IN RIOT.

The British military at Dublin was active all night long, and the premises of a number of Sinn Feiners were raided, said a dispatch from Dublin today.

One person was killed outright and several others were wounded in a battle between soldiers and Irish Volunteers near Dublin on Sunday. The clash occurred while the volunteers were drilling. Bombs were exploded during the fighting. Forty arrests have been made.

Damage claims from the recent series of battles between Sinn Feiners and Unionists at Belfast now total \$7,000,000, said a dispatch from Belfast today.

SLAIN NEAR GRAVE OF HER SOLDIER SON

Woman, 66, Strangled on Weekly Visit to Cemetery—Clothes Torn From Body.

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., Sept. 20.—Four finger marks on the throat of Mrs. Mary Grembowicz are the strongest clues the police have to the identity of a footpad who strangled her while she was on the way to the grave of her son, who was a member of the American expeditionary forces in the world war. Her body was found Saturday morning in a dump bushed near the cemetery, after her husband and neighbors had made an all-night search for her.

She was sixty-six years old. Her son died in France two years ago from influenza. Until his body reached this country, a few months ago, she knew scarcely a moment's peace. Thereafter she was accustomed to make a semi-weekly pilgrimage to his grave in Eastern Cemetery.

She went away on Wednesday, which was the day the young man died, and on Friday, which was the day when funeral services were conducted for him here. Her custom was generally known in the neighborhood. The motive of the stranger was evident. Waist and skirt had been torn from the body.

The flesh of her throat bore finger-prints so deep as to show that her assailant was a man of tremendous strength.

Her husband and sons said the report that she was accustomed to carry money in her clothing was erroneous. She never had more than a few cents in her possession, they said.

MAN AND WOMAN SLASHED.

During an altercation last night in the apartment at 1105 1/2 First street northwest, Robert Morse, negro, was severely cut about the head and face, and Lillian Beverly, also colored, received cuts on the face and throat. Both were taken to Freedmen's hospital, where Morse's condition is said to be serious.

PEACE ENVOYS OPEN NEGOTIATIONS AT RIGA

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The first formal meeting of the Russo-Polish peace envoys at Riga will take place tomorrow, according to a Riga dispatch to the Daily Express today.

Neither side is disposed to hurry the negotiations. Both the Polish and Russian envoys evidently are delaying in hope that their armies may improve the military situation on the Polish battle front before the negotiations get under way.

SOVIET ENTERS ITALY'S SHOPS

Iron and Steel Workers Are Granted Share in Control of Industry.

ROME, Sept. 20.—An agreement has been reached between the iron and steel workers and the factory owners, by which labor will get a share in the control of industry, it was announced today. A commission of twelve will be appointed to work out a plan which will be enacted into industrial reform legislation by parliament.

Premier Giolitti believes that all danger of a political revolution and civil war in Italy is past.

The premier regards the system of modified Soviets, by which the workers must recognize this. They must adapt themselves to the new conditions. The same kind of trouble we have had in Italy is prevalent everywhere in some form or another.

"In England, the workers are seeking reforms and a voice in the management of industry. France is quiet just now, but doubtless her time will come. We are sympathetic with the aspirations of our workers, and it is my chief desire to get the men back to work."

SKIRMISH RUSSIAN IDEA. Premier Giolitti denied that any Russian gold has been used in Italy to support the labor movement for the creation of Soviets in the factories. He believes that the men seized upon the idea of workers' councils because it fitted in with their desires.

"It is important for the workers to realize that the mill owners cannot go on forever raising wages," continued the statesman. "This knowledge will be brought home to them when part of the responsibility for the continuation of industry falls upon their own shoulders."

According to the tentative agreement, the workers will get the following benefits:

- 1-Increase in wages.
- 2-Workmen, through accredited representatives, will have certain authority in directing the work in the factory.
- 3-Annual vacations.

GRANDSON OF FRANCIS JOSEPH IS NOW PRIEST

MUNICH, Germany, Sept. 20.—Prince George of Bavaria, a grandson of the late Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, has been admitted to priesthood.

MILLERAND AGREES TO BE FRENCH PRESIDENT

PARIS, Sept. 20.—Premier Millerand has accepted the nomination for the Presidency of the French republic, it was officially announced this afternoon.

If he is elected by the national assembly he will succeed President Deschanel, who is ill. Alexandre Millerand is a member of the Socialist party. He became premier of France on January 18, last. He was formerly a leader of the radical wing of the Socialists, but modified his views so greatly that he became the object of attacks from the opposition Socialist faction in the chamber of deputies after he assumed the premiership.

SLUSH PROBE HERE ON WED.

Hearings Will Be Held in Capital and May Last Two Weeks.

The Kenyon slush fund investigation committee will resume its hearings at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning here, Republican leaders announced today.

A number of witnesses already have been ordered to appear at that time. Senator Kenyon is expected to reach Washington this afternoon.

RECORDS IN CAPITAL.

The Kenyon Committee began its investigations in Washington last spring. Most of the records bearing on the hearings are still in the Capital, this being the deciding factor as between Washington and New York.

All phases of the alleged "slush fund" investigation not yet gone into either will be taken up here. The hearings will take place at the Capitol.

MANY WITNESSES CALLED.

Senator Kenyon, now on his way back to Washington after conferences in the East, it was understood, has already wired Senator Reed and other members of the committee to be on hand. A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed, the indications being that the hearings will continue several weeks, or until the whole question has been sifted to the bottom.

Following adjournment at Chicago, the committee first discussed continuing the hearing while sitting at Pittsburgh. Subsequently this plan was abandoned in favor of Washington.

DOUSTED SOCIALISTS SWORN IN AGAIN

Expelled N. Y. Assemblymen, Just Re-elected, Take Oath. Face Fight for Seats.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 20.—The five New York City Socialists who were expelled from the state assembly and subsequently re-elected took their oath of office shortly after noon today in preparation for the special session of the legislature, which convenes tonight. Secretary of State Hugo swore them in.

There is some indication that the Republican majority in the assembly intends to proceed with extreme caution on the Socialist question and that the leaders may agree to a compromise which would mean the seating of two and ousting of three Socialists.

It is regarded as possible by some of the legislators here that all five will be permitted to take their seats and that no formal action will be initiated by the Republicans looking to unseat them.

The question of the status of the five men, however, is bound to come before the legislature, as Assemblyman Louis A. Cavillier, of New York, Democrat, has announced his intention to challenge their right to membership. This plan, if followed out, will force action.

Politics is apparently dominating the contemplated action to be taken with the Socialists, as neither of the major parties is anxious to assume the responsibility for putting the Socialists out of the assembly. The Democratic minority is not expected to support any ouster action. Neither are down-State Republicans.

AUTOISTS FIRE ON COPS IN BROOKLYN CAR STRIKE

Police Return Shots and Give Chase. Passerby Injured By Stray Bullet.

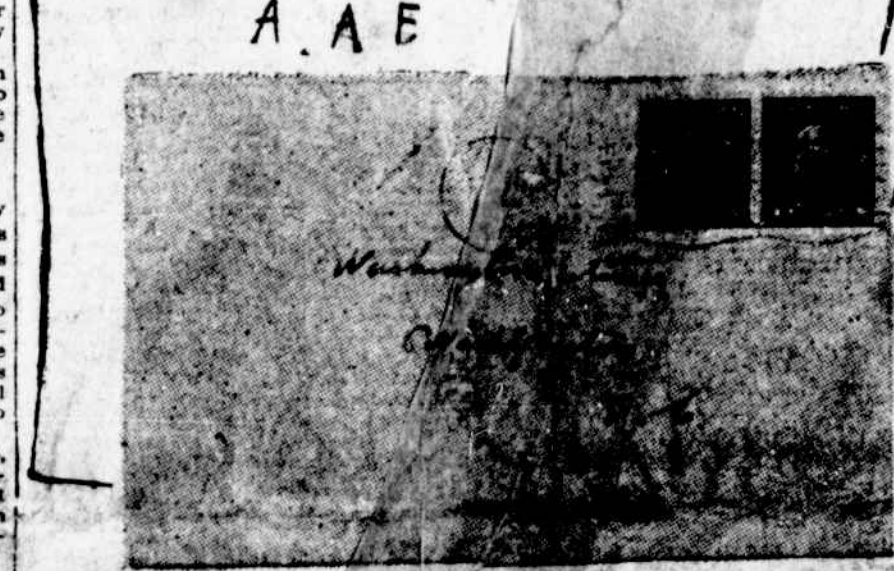
NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Ten men drove to a Brooklyn Rapid Transit car barn in a light-seeing automobile early today and opened fire on police there with automatic pistols. The police returned the fire and chased the men.

John Connors, a passerby, was shot and wounded by the fleeing men, who fired at him, evidently under the impression that he was a detective. He was taken to a hospital in a serious condition, having been shot through the right lung.

Police charge B. R. T. strikers are responsible for the attack. An automobile in which three persons, one a baby, were riding, was struck by a B. R. T. trolley car when it skidded on greased tracks, getting out of control. A chain had been thrown over the trolley wire, and the first car would tear down the wire. The baby was badly injured. Strikers also are blamed for this accident.

Anarchist Note Tells of Outrages Scheduled Soon in Four Big Cities

THAT WASS A GOOD GOD IN NEW YORK. DETROIT. CLEVELAND. PITTSBURG. AND WASHINGTON WILL BE NEXT VEEERY SOON



This is a photographic copy of the letter received by The Times yesterday warning that explosions are scheduled to take place in Washington, Detroit, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh. The letter was mailed in Washington Saturday evening, and has been turned over to the Department of Justice for investigation. The words "was," "job," "very," and "Pittsburgh" are misspelled.

Brother Kills Sister Preparing for School; 'Didn't Mean It' His Cry

The whole world was opening up to Ethel Baker. Of the thousands of children who this morning entered the District schools, there were many who went because they were made to go. There were others who went because it was the logical and natural thing to do.

SEEK WANTED TO GO. But Ethel Baker wasn't coming because she would be made to come. Nor was she coming because it was the logical and natural thing to do. She was coming because she wanted to study—because she wanted to know that was in the world, outside the little camp where she had spent the "teen years of her life."

It hadn't been an easy task for Ethel Baker to get permission to attend the high school here. There were many complications to be overcome. And it was necessary for her to make many trips into Washington before she finally received the certificate which granted her enrollment.

VISITS TO CITY REPEATED. They were filled with excitement and near-fright for her—those visits to the city. For, while Ethel Baker has spent the entire seventeen years of her life only a few minutes from the Nation's Capital, she has seldom been into the city, and she was a bit timid about the many automobiles.

and the busy crossings, and everything. Saturday Ethel made her final trip to Washington—the trip that was awarded with the certificate which gave her permission to enter the high school here as a freshman. Ethel returned to her home at Lorton, happy, enthusiastic.

This morning she was to have been brought into Washington by her father, George Baker, day captain at the Lorton Reformatory. But Ethel Baker was brought in last night about 7 o'clock. She was brought in an ambulance, and she died at Emergency Hospital at 11:30 o'clock from a bullet wound, accidentally administered by her six-year-old brother, while playing with a 22-caliber rifle. The bullet entered the temple.

The little boy became panic-stricken after the shooting. He ran to his father and kept crying over and over: "I didn't mean to do it. I didn't mean to do it."

WARNS OF MONARCHIST REVOLUTION IN BAVARIA

"Shooting Festival" in Munich, Sept. 24, May Be Excuse for Uprising, Says German Paper.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Warning that a monarchist revolution may be attempted in Bavaria late this month is sounded by the German Socialist newspaper, Vorwaerts, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin today. The dispatch says: "Vorwaerts reports that the 'shooting festival' to be held at Munich on September 24 may be an excuse for the attempted overthrow of the constitution. It may support the accusation of former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria) to dictatorship. Von Hindenburg and Ludendorff and the former King of Bavaria (Ludwig) will be present."

MYSTERIOUS LETTER TO TIMES FURNISHES CLUE TO U. S. AGENTS

A warning that bomb explosions similar to the one in New York were to take place in Washington, Detroit, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh "very soon" was received yesterday in a communication addressed to The Washington Times and mailed in Washington Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, according to the canceled postmark on the envelope.

The communication, which was turned over to the Department of Justice this morning, was signed "A. A. F." (American Anarchist Fighters) and was written with a lead pencil on a piece of cheap white note-paper, the top of which, possibly a letter-head, had been torn off.

Large thumb prints at the head of the sheet may aid agents of the department in identifying the writer of the note, it was stated.

The letters used in the communication are printed in lead pencil. Several of the words are misspelled—purposely, according to officials of the Department of Justice. The envelope was addressed in ink, and bore two one-cent stamps.

Agents of the Department of Justice are investigating as to the section of the city in which the letter was posted, in an effort to find the sender.

Officials of the department are inclined to think that in locating the writer of the communication, important information as to the explosion in New York may be obtained.

Customs House To Be Bombed, Warning Says

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Just as the September grand jury today was beginning the most searching probe in the history of New York in an effort to solve the great Wall Street explosion, it was learned that William H. Edwards, collector of internal revenue, received warning that an attempt would be made tomorrow to blow up the customs house.

The threat to Collector Edwards was written on a postcard, which was sent through the mails. It was signed "A. A. F." The card was turned over to the custody of the customs house, while Postmaster Thomas G. Patton and the Department of Justice were notified.

"It was the most direct warning I ever saw," declared Collector Edwards. "The sender of the card threatened to blow up the building at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The warning has some of the attachments of the customs house investigation. The building is under strong guard. I can assure you that I will be on the job as usual tomorrow afternoon."

The "mystery body," which has been in the morgue since the bomb blast in Wall Street last Thursday noon was identified today as that of Elmer W. Kehrer, 21, a chauffeur, of Brooklyn. All of the victims of the explosion have now been identified.

Identification of the body was made by Mrs. Kehrer, mother of the slain youth. She viewed the body twice and said that she could not be mistaken.

MYSTERY DEEPENED.

The mystery surrounding the explosion was deepened by identification of Kehrer's body.

The fact that the body remained unclaimed in the morgue for nearly four days had led some of the investigators to believe that the victim might have been involved in some way, and perhaps might have been the driver of the wagon which carried the infernal machine to Broad and Wall streets.

The police had sent broadcast descriptions of the dead man in an effort to identify him.

His features were disfigured by the explosion, but all of the clothing had been burned from the body.

Mrs. Kehrer explained that her son was out of work and may have been in the Wall Street district seeking a job when he lost his life.

One theory upon which the detec-

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